

**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING FOR TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS**  
**IN THE KANSAS – LOWER REPUBLICAN BASIN**

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has prepared seven Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for water bodies in the Kansas-Lower Republican Basin that are impaired by not meeting state water quality standards. Four of these TMDLs address new impairments on streams and lakes in Johnson and Shawnee Counties. These TMDLs are:

1. Cedar Creek in Johnson County – Nitrate
2. Lake Olathe in Johnson County – Eutrophication
3. Shunganunga Creek in Shawnee County – Dissolved Oxygen
4. Soldier Creek in Shawnee and Jackson Counties – Impaired Biology

Three of the TMDLs are revisions of existing TMDLs completed in 1999. These TMDLs are updated with current data, revised water quality standards and applicable water quality management programs to implement the TMDLs. These TMDLs are:

1. Lower Kansas River from Lecompton to Kansas City – E. coli Bacteria
2. Mill Creek in Johnson County – Impaired Biology
3. Tuttle Creek Lake – Atrazine

The TMDLs may be viewed at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment website: <http://kdheks.gov/tmdl/>. Additionally, copies of the TMDLs can be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Water, Watershed Planning Section (785-296-6170).

Two public hearings are scheduled to take public comments on any of these TMDLs. The first hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 19, 2006 at the Municipal Services Center in Olathe, Kansas at 1395 Robinson, located off of Old Highway 56, west of the intersection with Highway K-7/Lone Elm Road.

The second hearing will be held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, January 30, 2006 in Room 530 of the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson Street in Topeka, Kansas. Written comments will continue to be accepted by KDHE until 5:00 p.m, Friday, February 10, 2006.

The Watershed Planning Section will prepare a response to any comments received at the hearings or in writing and submit those comments and the KDHE response to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at the time these seven TMDLs are submitted. The seven TMDLs will be submitted to EPA after consideration of any comments received during the public hearing process.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing process and may request the proposed TMDLs in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing process should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting KDHE.

Requests or questions should be directed to the Tom Stiles at the Watershed Planning Section of KDHE at: Watershed Planning Section/Tom Stiles, 1000 SW Jackson ST, Suite 420, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1367; by internet at [tstiles@kdheks.gov](mailto:tstiles@kdheks.gov); by telephone: 785-296-6170 or by FAX: 785-291-3266.